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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for whole body frozen hens steady to instances firm; 16-24 lb. whole body toms steady with a weak undertone. Moderate sales of packer labeled hens and toms to the West coast reported, with light sales in the Midwest taking place for fill in basis. Offerings of frozen whole birds mixed, with toms more available. Parts and meats trading slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light. Most trading centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums going to Mexico. Movement of product curtailed by the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Buyers showing little interest to move product during the holiday period as processors have a short week and transportation problems abound.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 16, 2000**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-82	80	80.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	74	74.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	71-74	71.41	340	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-80	80	80.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-81	81	81.00	680	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	72-73	72.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	73	73.00	1680	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	81.30**	80.90	78.05
CENTRAL REGION	80.44	80.50	77.94
WESTERN REGION	81.32	80.00	79.07
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.00	73.47	73.56
CENTRAL REGION	72.00	72.00	71.93
WESTERN REGION	73.00	73.00	74.90

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	104-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 20-NOV-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	87.97	122	82.63	164
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	87.97	122	82.63	164
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		20

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

OCTOBER	496,748 *
NOVEMBER 1-11, 2000	201,228 *
To date 2000	4,652,704 *
To date 1999	4,414,596 *

* PRELIMINARY

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS	WEEK ENDING 11-NOV-2000						
	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,001	-7	21.73	NONE	(A)	1,001	21.73
S ATL	1,063	5	25.14	NONE	(A)	1,063	25.14
N CENT	2,745	4	26.77	NONE	(A)	2,745	26.77
S CENT	812	8	18.99	NONE	(A)	812	18.99
WEST	993	32	22.32	NONE	(A)	993	22.32
U.S.TOTAL	6,614(B)	6	24.12	0	0	6,614	24.13

TO DATE

2000 222,321(B) 166 1,178 223,665

TO DATE

1999 219,787(B) 55 1,615 221,457

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 17,000; for the year 1,500,000; last year to date 682,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-NOV-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD TOTAL</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	3,144	3,453	17	0	6,614
AVG WT	15.98	31.53	23.85	26.06	24.12
LAST WEEK	2,767	3,417	45	36	6,265
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,449 (B)		8	4	5,461
AVG WT	24.74 (B)		29.63	23.00	24.12
TO-DATE/2000	220,987 (B)		1,500	1,178	223,665
TO-DATE/1999	219,160 (B)		682	1,615	221,457

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 NOVEMBER 2000.

Trade sentiment mixed on fresh tom breast meat with trading reported at premiums for prompt deliveries, however, others report offerings at mostly steady price levels for next week's shipments. Trade sentiment steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady on frozen destrapped tenderloins with some spot offerings from current production noted at lower trending price levels. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on tails with demand and trading the most active for export shipments. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tails for export, light on the balance of items. Rib breasts (part loads): Grade A 12-16 lb. 115, plant grade 16-18 lb. 115 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.50		106.50	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	27.00		27.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		22.74	46
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	173.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	80
THIGH MEAT		M	70.23	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	69.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	113.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	170.00		170.00	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.31	900
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104
TAILS	21.00-22.00		21.33	600
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00		71.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments with the strength partially due in response to the mixed availability from the up coming holiday processing schedules. Demand was fair to instances good. Fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) demand light to good, mostly fair. Domestic demand on the balance of items was slow to instances fair. Domestic trading was heavy on fresh tom breast meat, moderately heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for November-December shipments and light on the balance of items. Export demand centered on frozen MST, tom drums, tails and MST. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of open priced frozen thigh meat for December shipments, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	113.00		113.00	520	112.46	567
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.50	80		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.50-27.50		26.86	94	26.88	270
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	27.00	10	27.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	29.00	6	29.00	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.50-26.00		25.78	94	25.68	193
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	26.00		26.00	80	26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	80	25.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	19.50-22.00		21.63	94	21.91	163
NECKS, HEN		R	16.00	6	16.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	60	166.60	75
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-172.00		170.05	810	169.91	1,290
THIGH MEAT		M	70.23	26	70.23	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00-70.00		69.00	120	69.20	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.50	40	122.17	120
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	30	112.57	70
TENDERLOINS	140.00		140.00	40	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00-150.00		148.67	60	151.43	140
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	170.00	44	168.80	284
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00		59.00	40	59.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	20	25.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.18	220	16.29	1,120
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.25-28.00		25.83	312	26.84	1,240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.33	120	25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104	26.00	416
TAILS		R	21.33	600	21.33	600
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00-23.00		22.67	312	22.07	736
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.50-72.00		71.86	280	71.42	760

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